

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge, with thanks, the Examiner's remarks concerning the allowance of Claims 21-27, 29-37, 39 and 40. The remaining claims, i.e., Claims 41 and 42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly unpatentable over the combined disclosures of Divakaruni, Pucher and Oh, all of record.

In light of the foregoing, applicants have cancelled Claims 41-42. Although applicants have cancelled Claims 41 and 42, applicants are not conceding that cancelled Claims 41 and 42 are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner in the present Office Action. Applicants observe that the above-mentioned amendments were performed to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to file the original listing of claims and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

Applicants observe that the above amendments to the claims obviate the obviousness rejection based on the combined disclosures of Divakaruni, Pucher and Oh. Thus, in view the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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